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In re Application of:

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Sir:

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RELEVANCE OF THE DOCUMENTS

Documents AM-AO are discussed in the present application at pages 1-2 of the substitute specification.

Documents AA, AB, and AL were cited in the International Search Report issued in connection with the International patent application corresponding to the above-identified application. Document AC is the U.S. patent that corresponds to document AL. A copy of the International Search Report has already been submitted.

Documents AR and AS were cited in a search report issued in connection with the German patent application corresponding to the above-identified application.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449, and to similarly indicate in the official file wrapper of this patent application that the attached documents have been considered.

If the Examiner has any questions or wishes to discuss this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned representative at the number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,

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